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King County Community Organizing Program Advisory Board Meeting Minutes April 19, 2011 SOAR Conference Room

Board Members present: Liz Wilhelm, Co-Chair; Mark Howard, City of Seattle Emergency Management Services, C--Chair; Helena Stephens, City of Bellevue, Constance Perenyi, Friends of Third Place Commons, Kimberly Walker, Intern, City of Bellevue

Guests present: Geoff Miller, PPM 3 Special Projects, MHCADS

Staff Members present: Laura Quinn, Community Organizer; Sharon Toquinto, Prevention and Treatment Manager.

I. OPENING AND UPDATES

Board and staff introduced themselves and gave updates.

II. PROGRAM REPORTS AND UPDATES

1. Community Organizer Report

Laura Quinn presented her written report and explained the various coalitions and projects that she has been working on.

III. BOARD BUSINESS

2. Discussion of data from Geoff

Geoff Miller presented on youth substance abuse and drug trends in King County. The Board discussed how this data compared to the Healthy Youth Survey data and how they could incorporate this into their work, especially around the upcoming Talk to Your Kids about Drugs Day. Geoff said that the committee that produces the drug trends report, would be updating the information about the local drug abuse trends and that should give them a better idea of how the economic downturn has impacted this data. Geoff also talked about the GAIN data, and noted that there are now nearly 7,000 cases entered into GAIN. This data shows a marked decrease in the age of initial use and a trend towards co-occurring disorders, and experiences of trauma and bullying.

3. Meth Action Team Update

Geoff reported that the Meth Action Team (MAT) has gained new partners, including the UW Fetal Alcohol Unit and the Parent Assistance Program. He discussed with the Board the planned Celebrate Families event that will be held on June 8 and include parenting support as well as prosocial family activities. It will be a day-long event targeting mothers in recovery. The Board discussed the involvement of the King County Sheriff's office with this project as the co-convenor of the MAT as well as the MAT prevention budget. \$30,000 was originally allocated, but must hold back at least 10% (\$3,000) for July-September time period, so the remaining amount needs to be spent by the end of the contract in June. We are able to request up to 25% be allocated to the July-September period and will monitor the need for that.

4. Discussion/ Planning for CM

Sharon discussed with the Board that the match is being reviewed by the fiscal section for the Community Organizing Program to assure it is being met as the contract requires and ensuring the Program can continue to provide minigrants to the community. The Program and Board will not have any definite information about the 2011-12 budget from the State until the Legislature complete their work so that Commerce has their budget allocation. The Board moved forward with the request of a meeting with the Executive Committee and Jim and Sharon to discuss possible scenarios for handling potential upcoming budget cut, including a discussion of specific Program costs. Sharon will set a meeting date/time with the Committee.

5. Legislative Update

The Department of Commerce was cut by about 10% in all three budgets (Governor's, House and Senate). We are still not sure how this will impact Community Mobilization and Commerce may need to use some of the funding to maintain their staff to run the program. There is also no specific formula on how that money might be allocated to counties, although a \$10,000 floor for smaller counties will probably be maintained. Ramona Leber, our contract monitor at the Department of Commerce, has said that the cut to Community Mobilization could range from 10%-17%. There is also the possibility of some additional funding coming to CM (and OSPI) through a bill that would increase the fees on liquor licenses.

6. Prevention Redesign Update

Sharon reported that there has been no final decision on the first sites for the Prevention Redesign communities would be in King County. Discussions and negotiations continue with school districts through the partnership with Puget Sound Education Service District.

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, May 17, 2011

SOAR

801 – 23rd Ave South

Seattle, WA

12:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m.